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#### OF GENERAL INTEREST.

- The city limits of Brooklyn comprise 70 square miles, and the population, at the beginning of 1895, was es-

-An unusual silver wedding celebra-Lansingburgh, Mich. In 1870 Mr. and to culture he said we could not now Mrs. Jules Harmon were married. They Presh and cured means, pure hog's were divorced 16 years later, and about a fortnight ago they were remarried, whotlock's market, go there for them. a fortnight ago they were remarried, on the 25th anniversary of their first marriage.

a wagon containing several chickens, a lot of butter, and 1,200 eggs. The wagon was overturned, falling upon Hunter's Mill, Va. He was a fright as he crawled out from the wreck, as the

-The meisture of the eye is a genuine solvent. Many persons have gone the morning to find it gone. In many cases of this kind the foreign matter has been dissolved by the moisture of the eve.

countries. Nearly all of the plants that come across the Pacific are shipped in the earth.

district court in San Fraicisco, decided. a few days ago, that a Chinese born in for a background. Before you faster this country is a citizen of the United | it on, however, make a small ruffled turn to this country at any time he pleases. The decision was made in the Francisco from China recently, and was debarred from landing by the collector, on the ground that he was a laborer and as such barred out by the exclusion | it was called a success.-N. Y. World, get. The Chinoman was born in San Prancisco, and had been in China on a

The True Philosopher. You may know all the stars Clear from Neptune to Mars You may have every science by heart;

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in One Campaign.
As we approached the falls we saw that the river banks had been depopulated and the viilages were in ashes We passed dead bodies floating in the Canoes were standing on end like hollowed columns, crowds of fugitives were afloat, and hiding among the reedy islands. These were all signs of s general terror, but we could get no information of its character. Vague ideas of an invasion from some savage tribe came to our minds, and now and then we had a misgiving that there must b Arab slavers in the neighborhood.

Continuing our ascent, on the third day we came in sight of a huge Anal camp on the right bank, and before very long we discovered that the Arabi Nyangwe (Livingstone's farthest point), having heard the most exaggerated reports of our successful de scent of the Congo in 1768, had hastened after us to reap a harvest of ivosy and slaves. They had been too successful. Over 118 villages had been destroyed below Stanley Falls alone, a rich plunder of ivory was in their camp, and several hundred slaves, old and young, were herded like goats and heavily fettered in the slave-pen. It then appeared that while we had been negotiating with the negro chiefs along the river, making roads, building stations, and houling steamers overland, the Arabs of Nv angwe had been coming down the river. laying the country waste. We had at

last met, about 50 miles below the falls. A glance at the scenes of the camp was sufficient to reveal what a future await ed the Congo valley had we not conceived the project of opening the river to civilizing influences. There was not a moment to lose. We had no authority to open fire on the miscreants. 'They were subjects of the prince of Zanzibar. who was a protege of England and to plunge into hostilities with them might possibly involve us in serious complications. But while we dared not use force. we believed that by continuing the same system we had found so successful with the native chiefs, we could check the audacity of the slaves by our more presence among them. After some days spent in cautious and friendly negotiations with the Arabs, we were permitted to establish a station at the falls, and after socing it well advanced we turned the prows of our steamers down river toward Leopoldville .- Henry M. Stan-

VALUE OF TRUE CULTURE. How It Differs from What Is Known a

ley, in Century.

Knowledge. Dr. Edward Caird, the master of Baliol, in addressing a Glasgow audience recently on "The Relation of Culculture had a certain air of arrogance and pretension, so that one could hard ly make use of it without seeming to be a superior person; yet, on the other hand, it expressed an idea for which no other word was quite so appropriate People meant by it more than knowledge-more even than science and literature. They meant by it science and literature taken up into the mind and made one with it, so that they formed part of its very substance in addition

to its natural forces. No sooner did we provide the opportunities and means of education than we had to encounter the difficulty of so using them as not to overburden the mind. Everyone who had had much experience as a teacher must often have met with cases in which the definition "over-educated for your intellect" would apply. The root of the evil, however, was seldom over-education; indeed, it might be doubted whether there was such a thing. Over-education meant education on the wrong things and on the wrong methods.

In considering what it was that constituted true culture it was necessary to avoid two opposite errors—the error of those who would separate culture from knowledge, and the more common error of those who would simply identify it with knowledge.

Speaking more particularly of cal tion took place a short time ago at ture and knowledge as the instrument take the world at first hand. We inevitably saw it as interpreted by great Lodies of literature and science, which had been the result of the thought of those who had gone before them. -A cable car in Washington struck Therein lay our privilege and our danger-our privilege, because we had not now to cope with all the heavy task of making the universe intelligible, but the driver, Edward V. Harrison, of took it up at an advanced stage; our danger, because that made it so easy to live a borrowed intellectual life. Uncollision had broken every egg of the less knowledge had a life of original activity in us it did not deserve the name of culture.

Dr. Caird declared in conclusion that to bed troubled with a foreign sub. The ways were opened for a higher and stance in the eye, and have waked in more humane kind of culture in the 20th century than the world had ever before seen.-Chicago Tribune.

Watch Case. Cut a pasteboard horseshoe about six -The importation into the United inches in diameter and cover with velvet States of plants from China and Japan or plush and trim with silver or gold is forbidden. The reason for this is the tinsel around both edges and place im prevalence of cholera in the Asiatic irutions of shoe nails of tinsel around it (four on one side and three on the other). Now cut out, by the same patpots and in their native soil. Notifing terh, another horseshoe in outline absorbs and holds the germs of dis- leaving the solid center. Cover this latter ence, especially an epidemic, so well as with silk or satin, and face the wrong side with cambric or silk. Put the -Judge Morrow, of the United States horseshoe covered with velvet on this foundation and the solid back will serve States, and as such may leave and re- pocket, size of watch, and place on the center. Now fasten on velvet horseshoe which will hold pocket firmly. Put two case of a Chinaman who arrived in San | bows on top of case and suspend with ribbon 13; inches wide and bow on the wall. I made one of blue satin, black

velvet, silver tinsel and blue ribbon, and REMINISCENCE OF LINCOLN.

A Proposed Colony of American Negroes

in Central America-The address of Dr. John V. L. Findlay it the emancipation celebration held and I don't care to be either." at the monumental rooms recently, recalled a reminiscence of Dr. John Morris which has never been published before. It was a proposition of President Lincoln to colonize in Central America the colored people of the border states. Mussouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, ings. Maryland and Delaware-states which

did not secede: "President Lincoln," said Dr. Morris a few days ago, "was a native of Kentucky, and while a resident of Illinois

good conception of the needs of the negro. Originally, he was opposed to the wholesale emancipation of the colored race-to placing these untutored people upon their own resources to gain

a livelihood. He was opposed to their return to Liberia or any African country, because they had been thrown in contact with Anglo-Saxon civiliation, and if the same methods of civilization should be used by them in Africa they would starve.

"Mr. Lincoln proposed to colonize them in Central America, where the Angle-Saxon civilization existed, where fruit and cereals could be raised in abundance and without much labor, and where the climate suited a race which for a thousand years had lived under the piercing rays of the sun at the equator. Mr. Lincoln was distrustful of the border states, because any of the most prominent residents, including members of congress, were opposed to the emancipation of slaves. That was the situation in 1861 and 1862. "When the war broke out Dr. Charles

A. Leas, of Baltimore, was consul at

( ronstadt, and sent to the state department much valuable information bearing upon the fitting out of privateers in European ports for confederate service. These reports ultimately reached Mr. Lincoln, who was much impressed with them. In 1852 Dr. Leas returned to America, and was snamoned to Washington by Mr. Lincoln. The doctor, during the administration of President Pierce, had been stationed as consul at one of the principal ports in Central America, and was thoroughly familiar with the character and habits of the people. To him Mr. Lincoln intrusted the delicate duty of negotiating the purchase of sufficient territory in Central America for the colonization of the colored people of the border states. Of course, he had nothing to do with the colored people of the southern states, for those states were then arrayed against the union. Dr. Leas went upon his mission, but the plan was a failure, because the war assumed more serious phases at that time, and because every dollar that could be raised had to be expended in equipping red maintaining the army then in the

"Just think of the possibilities of Dr. Leas' mission," continued Dr. Mor-"Had it turned out successfully we might not now have among us here in Maryland a single native colored man, woman or child. It is true, they might have come to us from the south after the war, but if Mr. Lincoln'sidees had been carried out to a successful issue, as would have been the case but for the pressure of more momentous events at the time, the tide of negro emigration to the Central American states would have been fully established, and ture to Knowledge," said that the word there is no doubt that the colored people of the states in arms against the union would have followed those of

their race from the border states." After the war Dr. Leas was for a time a health officer of Baltimore, and superintendent of the house of refuge. Pe married Mess Freusch. He died ten years ago at his home at Glyndon, Bultimore county .- Baltimore Sun.

WICKEDEST PLACE ON EARTH. Immerality Holds High Carnival at Port

Said on the Suez Canal. If the experienced globe-trotter of the present day were asked to name the wickedest snot on earth he would almost certainly name Port Said, and he who would validly contradict him would have to discover a very wieked spot, indeed. It would be quite safe to say that there is no evil feature of human life that is not in some degree repre sented in this parched-up wayside inferno. The scourings of every continent on earth, the very dregs of human society, are to be found there in their most repulsive forms. The Green and the Arab, the Italian and the Armenian. the Frenchman and the Turk, the american and the Malay, are all there jumbled together in a motley mass of cosmopolitan iniquity. They are all the worst specimens of their respective races and among them is, of course, the

abiquitous Englishman as bad as any. Naturally it is not intended to imply that there are not respectable people in Port Said, because there are some, and of these most believe that a year or two of compulsory residence there would be taken as the equivalent of a very considerable sojourn in purgatory. for it is certainly one of the worst spots on earth, if not absolutely the worst, for an honest man to fall into. To begin with, the climate is simply deadly, and from the beginning of May to the end of September it is little better than a fever den, in which it is supposed to be impossible to keep both sober and It has been said by those who ought to know that five out of every six average men who go to live at Port Said die of fever or delirum tremens or some other excess within a few years. financially as well as physically ruined. Drinking, gambling and general in iquity form either the amusement of the occupation, when they are not the ivelihood, of four-fifths of the popula-

tion.-Pearson's Weekly. Pertia of a Legislator. The legislative member turned red in

the face and shook his fist violently under the lobbyist's nose. "What!" he thundered in a gust of in dignation, "you come to me-me-and seek to buy my vote for your infamous measure for \$1,000? I've a notion to knock your head off and then , ublicly denounce you from the floor of the

The lobbyist shook the ashes from his "Suppose," he said in a soothing manper, "we make it \$2,000."

The member from Jay Center took off his hat and wiped his forehead. "Now," he answered in a calmer tone, "now you're talking."-N. Y. Recorder.

At the Pestive Board. "Mr. Peterby, will you please carve the turkey?" "No, I thank you. The man who

carves must either be a fool or a ruscal, "What do you mean?" "If he keeps the choicest portions for himself he is a scoundrel; if he does not keep them for himself be is a fool, and, as I said, I don't care to place my

self in either category."-Texas Sift-

A Poor Job. Five-Year-Old (a drunken man reels by) - Ind God make that man, mamma? Mother-Yes, my child.

Five-Year-Old (thoughtfully)-Well during his mature manhood he had 4 | wouldn't have done it .- To Date.

HAD NO USE FOR MONEY.

a Texas Farmer Preserved the Integrity of His Chicken Coop. A farmer who lives about four miles

from Houston noticed a stranger in his front yard one afternoon recently, act ing in a rather unusual manner. He ore a pair of ducking trousers stuffed in his boots and had a nose the color of an Elgin pressed brick. In his hand he held a sharpened stake about two feet long, which he would stick into the ground, and after sighting over it at various objects would pull it up and ge through the same performance at another place. The farmer went out of the house and inquired what he wanted. "Wait just a minute," said the stran-

ger, squinting his eye over the stick at the chicken house. "Now, that's it to a T. You see, I'm one of de advance corps of engineers what's runnin' de line of de new railroad from Columbus, O., to Houston, See? Dat's what I am. De other fellers is over de hill wid de transit and de baggage Dere's over a million dollars in de company. See? Dey sent me on ahead to locate a place for a big passenger depot. to cost \$27,000. De foundation will commence right by your chicken house Say, you charge 'em high for dis land gives you a pointer. See? Dey'll stand \$50,000. 'Cause dey's got de money and dey's got to build de depot right where I says. I has an uncle what ain't doin' nothin' but buying up all de stock in de road that he can. Say, he's over dere wid de surveyin' gang now. He's a big man wid a diamond ring on his left hand. See? Say, I've got to go on to Houston to record a deed for a right of way and I never thought to get 50 cents from de treasurer. He's a little man wid light pants You might let me have de 50 cents and when de boys come along in de mornin' tell 'em what you did and anvone of 'em'll hand you a dollar. You might ask 'em \$55,000, if you-"

"You throw that stub over the fenc and get the ax and cut up exactly hali e cord of that wood, stove length, and I'll give you a quarter and your supper," said the farmer. "Does the proposition strike you favorably?"

"And you are goin' to t'row away de opportunity of havin' dat depot built sight here and selling out-" Yes, I need the ground for my chicken coop."

"You refuse to take \$50,000 fer de ground, then?" "I do. Are you going to chop that

wood or shall I whistle for Tige?" "Gimme dat ax, mister, and show me dat wood, and tell de missus to bake an extra pan of biscuits for supper. When dat Columbus & Houston Grand Trunk rallway runs up against your front fence you'll be sorry you didn't take up dat offer. And tell her to fill up de molasses pitcher, too, and not to mind about puttin' the dish of cookin' butter on de table. See?"-Houston

UNCLE WILLIAM'S WISDOM. Oracular Observations by a Solemon in

the Rough. If I was lookin' for a sucker I'd hunt for the feller who is allus braggin' that he's nobody's fool. It has allus seemed to me to be a

mighty thin consolation fur a poor man to declare that riches don't make Somehow or other we don't appear to extract as much comfort out of this life as we really orter. Perhans it's

should be. The feller who mortgages his land to buy a pinner for his house has to try awful hard to find any music in the

because my naybur hain't the man he

I believe in loving my naybur as myself until he begins killing off my hens. Then I'm goin' to buy lace curtains and upholstered cheers to make him teel as bad as he possibly can. The feller who figured that a clothes line would last six weeks longer if taken down every night was all right

as fur as he went, but he might have

also floured that it would take jest 12

weeks off'n any man's life to do it. Things is purty nigh right without any figurin' at all. I once knowed a bank president who didn't chew, smoke, play keerds, attend hoss races, drink beer or use cuss words, but he cleaned out the institution and went to Canada jest the same

I'm allers a leetle bit skeery of angels who walk around on airth. Even if we never say a word to him about it, it is only human natur' to feel sort o' tickled to know that our nay bur's fence is two foot over our line and that we can raise a row any time we

want to. I never yit went to a man and asked him to give me his advice without I had ably as ill paid as any kind of intelmy mind fully made up to believe him | lectual workers. The professional a fool if he didn't think as how I did about it. If he was a lawyer, however, and charged me ten dollars, why that altered the case.

I've heard a heap o' men talk about luck in my time, and so fur as I have been able to keep track of individuals, are in all the world probably less than the ones hoein' corn at a dollar a day instead of talkin' on the grocery steps got ahed the fastest.

Now and then you meet a man who has soured on the world and can't see no good in nuthin' nor nobody. In sich cases jest size him up and you'll find a the passion for the game leads the pro-

wouldn't foller him. I have allus admired a hoss-fly in one sertickler. He don't hang around on his relations and wait fur sumthin soft and tender and juicy to turn up to give ilm a job, but tackies the fust thing that comes along and is allus ahead of the game.-Detroit Free Press.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL. -The once famous Louisa Payne who was one of England's favorite operatic and oratorio singers, is suffering In great poverty. Lady Burdett-Courts. Sir Arthur Sullivan and Mr. Charles

Stanley have joined in an appeal for

money. the great trolley strike in Philadel- expenses of the professionals are made phin. He has enormous influence up by the local clubs. among the workingmen, and, though

pever had a strike. plete in the world, and the prince is a in the pursuit of the game. One whose shallful entomologist desniy versed in duly it was to play six hours a day

the habits of ants, bees, moths, flies, earwigs, and all creatures that creen and crawl and wriggle.

-President Kruger, of the Transvaal republic, has been a remarkable man physically. It is said of him that in his youth he could run for half a day and keep pace with a horse. Now at the age of 70, he shows little sign of having lost any of his physical or mental vigor. He is a rough, uncouth, opinionated man, but possesses the cruder qualities of a statesman.

-Mrs. McKinley, whose husband has just retired from the governorship of Ohio, recalls the fact that during the term of President Hayes she and her husband occupied the white house for ten days by invitation to "keep house" there while the president and his family were absent. She says she had all of the white house she ever cared for a having had "all its pleasures with nor s of its woes.

-Douglas Jerrold was sometimes witty at the expense of his wife. 'He ence told her, when she was no lon; jor young, that he wished wives were I like ank notes, so that one of 40 could be exchanged for two of 20. On another occasion he was asked whom his wate was dancing with: "Some member of the Humane society, I suppose," he replied.

-Dr. Thomas Augustine Arne, the composer of England's famous nat ional hymn, "Rule Britannia," was conce called upon to judge between two very bad singers. After patiently hearing them, he said to one of the contests ats; "You are the worst singer I ever heard in my life." "Ah!" cried the other, exultingly, "then I win." "No," said

Dr. Arne; "you can't sing at all!" -A. Kruger, of Phoenixville, Pa., a cousin of President Krager, of the Pransvani republic, denies the story that Paul Kruger or his parents ever lived in America. The president's parents' he says, were born and lived all their lives a few miles from The Hague, in Holland, never having been outside their native country. son, who is now president of the South African republic, left Holland about 50 years ago, when a boy, and went direct to South Africa, where he has since

#### A LITTLE NONSENSE.

-"Does Scribbles write many stories?" "Well I should say so; he has to use an incubator to hatch his plots." -Chicago Record.

-"I don't mind getting caught," said the fox, bitterly. "What grinds me is that they set this trap for a rabbit!"-Chicago Tribune. -The Chicago-"And do you find the

water here so very bad?" The libewhere-"Oh, no. With salad dressing it is not at all bad."-Detroit Tribune. -"How is your daughter getting on with the piano, Numson?" "First-rate. She can play with both hands now She says she will be able to play with her ear in six months."-Household Words.

that a man is homely enough to stop a train, but he'll find he's not homely enough to stop it if he has arrelved at the station a minute after it has started -Yonkers Statesman -Mother-"I bear that the live tenant

-It's all right, we suppose, to say

had the impudence to kits you at the station. What did you do?" Doughter "Oh, I think I kissed him, too, so an to make people think we were relatives."-Fliegende Blaetter. -He-Why do you like the Wagnerian operas so much better than those of the Italian school?" She-"Oh Wagner operas make so much noise

the performance, and nobody can hear "-Somerville Journal -"Mr. Billiss is such a nice young man," said the elderly annu, "That's all you know about it," said the young niece: "he is nothing of the sort. He is just the folliest company imagin-

able."-Indianapolis Journal. -An old Highland sergeant in one of the Scottish regiments was going his counds one night to see that all the lights were out in the barrack-rooms. Coming to a room where he thought he saw a light shining, he roared out-"Put out that light, there!" One of the men shouted back: "It's the saune, ser geant?" Not hearing very well, the ser geant cried, in return: "I dinna care a tacket what it is. Put it out!"-Tip.

PROFITS OF CHESS PLAYERS. Professionals Never Make Fortunes as

Result of Their Skill. Professional chess players, consider ing the laborious nature of their work, the character of mind, and the long preparatory study required, are probchess player who earns by his play more than a decent modest living is a highly successful man. An expert may be hired to run a chess automator and play with all comers at a salary less than some typewriters earn. There half a hundred highly skilled profes sional chess players. The Hastings convention brought together 22, and

the number was notable. A few professional chess players are men of means, but for the most part chap so allfired mean that a yaller dog fessional player to put aside materia considerations in order to follow his bent. Some of the best known players dress shabbily and live plainly. The ablest and most successful usually eks out their incomes made directly from the game by writing on chess, discuss ing problems and the like. Books of chess succeed one another rapidly, bu none has a large sale. They are costly to produce, and the stereotype plates are of small value. The aggregate of considerable prizes offered in chess contests throughout the world amounts in any one year to only a few thousand dollars, and a stake of \$1,000 is a large one. Amateurs, who far outnumber the professionals, provide the purses -John Wanamaker is credited with and meet the expenses of the match having done more than any other per- games. St. Petersburg is an important son to bring about the settlement of chess center, and there the traveling

Professional chess players are rarely an extensive employer of labor, he has men of liberal education, and usually men of one idea. Chese has been the -Among illustrious personages with diversion of great and broadminded queer fads must be numbered Prince men, but it is commonly the business Luitpoid, of Bavaria. His collection of of men devoted to one idea. The probeetles is the most extensive and com- fessional chess player seems tireless

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with all comers at a place of amuse ment was accustomed to follow his day's work with two hours of laborious study of special chess problems. It was this spirit that made Paul Morphy, of New Orleans, abandon a promising career at the bar and cling to the game until his physician warned him that he must give it up or lose his reason.-N.

#### THEATER USHERS.

A Peorly-Paid Business in Which the Dis-

honest Flud Many Perquisiter "Theater ushers are of two kinds," said a well-known manager. "They are either men who eke out a slender salary by taking this work to do in the evening, or else they are stage-struck jouths who think they are on the road to histrionic fame when they get a job seating the audience. The airs some of these latter fellows put on are much more amusing than many of the shows they are with, and they become proud as pencocks by imagining that they share with the actors the plaudits of

the public. "The pay of these men is small, and it will never be otherwise, for the glamour of the show business is very attractive, and many are willing to work at any price for the sake of being connected with a theater. A good usher is worth much more than he receives, but he has to suffer on account of those to whom the calling is little more

than a pastime. "The temptations to swindle are very great, and many of the men make good money at the expense of the manager, A man who happens to have a bad seat is ready enough to pay a little extra to get where he can see the stage. No one knows this better than the ucher. and as he can pocket the money with little danger of being detected, he often yields to temptation.

"I recall the case of a leading Brooklyn manager, who was once running a variety show with rather poor results. One night he entered the theater and was delighted to see that all the seats in the boxes were occupied. The boxes panned out very well to-night." he remarked to the ticket-seller, with a satisfied smile. 'I can hardly agree with you, replied the man, checking up the list. They brought us in just \$4.50." The next night there were new

ushers in that theater. "The most money is made out of persons who hold general admission tickets that do not entitle them to seats, This method of swindling has been going on for a long time, and the managers have often grown tired of it. Sercral arrests were recently made in a case of this kind, and it looks as if the that you can talk all you like through managers had at last combined to put

a stop to it,"-N. Y. World. -The Alabama ciaims were claims of Americans against Great Britain, arising out of the damage done by the confederate cruiser Alabama and its mates, which the British government had allowed to be equipped in England and to be taken to sea. The claims were not presented in a lump. A high court of arbitration was appointed, which sat at Geneva, Switzerland, and decided that Great Britain was responsible for damages. These damages, the court assersed at \$15,500,000. The losing party paid the damages and the United States undertook to distribute them. The damage caused by the Alabama was about \$7,000,000; the other damages were caused by the Sumter, Tallahassee, Nashville, Florida, Geor-

gia and Chickamauga. -It is not error that opposes so much the progress of truth; it is indolence, obstinacy, the spirit of routine, everything that favors inaction.-Turget.



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